

Re: Catalina trip for Spring 2019

**Subject:** Re: Catalina trip for Spring 2019  
**From:** Brooke Rios <brios@newlosangeles.org>  
**Date:** 1/15/19, 10:28 AM  
**To:** Xochitl Lira <xlira@newlosangeles.org>  
**CC:** Gabrielle Brayton <gbrayton@newlosangeles.org>

Let's try El Capitan this year. We can consider including Catalina in the budget for next year if we don't like it.

On Tue, Jan 15, 2019 at 10:22 AM Xochitl Lira <xlira@newlosangeles.org> wrote:

It's a higher than The Catalina Experience. Attached is the invoice from our trip last year. The price per student was \$250 (\$195 for the program and \$55 for transportation). It's a \$65 difference and they're charging for chaperones?

If I'm reading this correctly, it's \$315 per student PLUS an additional \$5,200 for the boat transportation?? That's a little much if that's the case.

I think El Capitan is closer to budget.

BR??

On Mon, Jan 14, 2019 at 7:44 PM Gabrielle Brayton <gbrayton@newlosangeles.org> wrote:

Hi there,

Can you look through these numbers and see if we are financially able to move forward with this Catalina trip? Please also note that the dates are earlier, the same week as 8th graders going to Joshua Tree. The sooner you can give me feedback, the better as I need to confirm this trip this week.

Thank you!

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From: Ally Littell <ally@natsatlarge.com>  
Date: Mon, Jan 14, 2019 at 3:47 PM  
Subject: Re: Catalina trip for Spring 2019  
To: Gabrielle Brayton <gbrayton@newlosangeles.org>

Gabrielle,

Sorry it has taken me all day to reach back out to you...busy Monday. I heard back from Catalina and there are a few things going on with the calendar. At this point, the date option on April 24-26 is really works best for our Catalina staffing availability and can possibly work out for the site. I know that is the same week as your 8th grade Joshua Tree trip, so I wanted to start by just seeing if that date could potentially work for you all. If not, we can revisit what may be possible on other weeks.

In terms of pricing, for a 3 day/2 night program, the cost would be \$315 for students and \$236 for adults. The cost of the charter boat transportation is \$5,200 for up to 100 people. Anyone over 100 would be an additional \$52 per person.

Before looking too far into other dates, I wanted to see if that price point works out for you all?

Another thing to consider if you are feeling like Catalina is out of your budget would be a trip to a state beach such as El Capitan State Beach. The price point for that option would be \$248/student with adults included at a 1:10 ratio. Same date availability of April 24-26.

As far as the February 6th date for presentations, yes we have someone who can be there for the Joshua Tree presentation and could also do the Catalina presentation if that works out.

As far as Joshua Tree, you will find all the paperwork for your program on the faculty planning page. Here is the link to the Joshua Tree Faculty Planning Page.

Please feel free to call with any questions.

Thanks,  
Ally

On 1/14/2019 11:58 AM, Gabrielle Brayton wrote:

Hi Ally,

I wanted to check in with you regarding our possible Catalina trip to see if you had heard back from anyone.

Looking forward to hearing from you! Hope you're enjoying this rain!  
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On Sat, Jan 12, 2019 at 1:55 PM Gabrielle Brayton <[gbrayton@newlosangeles.org](mailto:gbrayton@newlosangeles.org)> wrote:

Also, if we can get any updated forms/student packets for Joshua Tree, we would like to start putting paperwork together!

Thanks!

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On Sat, Jan 12, 2019 at 1:04 PM Gabrielle Brayton <[gbrayton@newlosangeles.org](mailto:gbrayton@newlosangeles.org)> wrote:

Hi Ally,

Thank you so much for getting back to me. I am super hopeful that we can continue to bring our 7th graders to Catalina this year. I have attached the schedule from last year at White's Landing. Teachers typically played a passive role during classes or activities with naturalists leading. Teachers were active in supporting with behavior, motivation, etc. We usually have a parent, teacher and a naturalist in groups of 11-15. I am open to playing with this to see what would work best for us cost and program wise.

Yes! My apologies for not reaching out to confirm. The first week back from break has been a whirlwind. If someone can come to speak about Joshua Tree from 7-8 that would be great. Please let me know if that works for you. We would also like to have someone present about Catalina from 6-7, if we are able to make this trip work. 😊

Thank you for all your help and let me know what else you might need. Have a great weekend!

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On Fri, Jan 11, 2019 at 10:24 AM Ally Littell <[ally@natsatlarge.com](mailto:ally@natsatlarge.com)> wrote:

Gabrielle,  
Great to catch up with you the other day about options for a Catalina Program. We have reached out to the site about availability and will hopefully have some answers today. I had a few other questions for you. Do you by chance have a copy of the schedule that you all have been using in the past with TCX at White's Landing? It would also be great to know the role that your teachers have been taking in terms of the facilitation of the program. I am just hoping to get a sense of the program model that you all are used to seeing and then try to match that model in terms of staffing and ultimately in terms of pricing.  
Also, I was on your website earlier this morning to see when your spring break was falling and I saw the date of February 6th listed as the informational night for all of your OE trips. Should we put that date onto our calendar for the 8th grade Joshua Tree program? If so, please just let me know what time would be best for that presentation. I will be presenting to a school in the Bay Area that evening but we will have someone from our office that could make it down to New LA Charter that night.  
Thanks for your help and happy weekend,  
Ally

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